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# The Twenty-sixth Revelation

## MAYAN TEACHINGS REGARDING THE PHYSICAL REBIRTH OF MAN

"Death is certain to all things which are born  
And Rebirth to all mortals.  
Wherefore, it doth not behoove thee  
To grieve about the inevitable."

from the BHAGAVAD GITA  
(Sacred Scriptures of India)

BELOVED COMPANION:

We send you our Love and Companionship in  and invite you, in this Lesson and those to follow, to lift the veil for a brief first glimpse into the holy mysteries of that land beyond the grave. We go with you in Companionship as you prepare to enter your Being into the first of the mysteries which no man may completely grasp unless his mind has been sufficiently prepared.

LIFT THE VEIL SLOWLY SO THAT SUDDEN REVEALMENT OF THE LIGHT MAY  
NOT BLIND THINE EYES TO ITS PERFECT BEAUTY AND TRUTH; LIFT THE  
VEIL FULLY SO THAT REVELATION MAY COME INTO THY UNDERSTANDING.

This teaching is one that is found in the early history of every church, every religion, every race; though its teaching is usually given to only those who have spent long years in study and devotion. According to thy preparation and readiness to receive, may REVELATION come unto thee.



Through the ages thoughtful men have asked questions like these: Why are we here? From where did we come? Where are we going? Why do we grow old, suffer and die? Why are some people born to wealth and others to poverty?

WHY? WHY? WHY? IS GOD NOT JUST?

There are many things in life that at first are difficult for us to comprehend. Even when the explanation is put before us we sometimes do not understand.



So seek ye understanding of this teaching that all this may become clear to you. Seek and Ye shall find the Revelation of this also.

For those who live without the deep understanding of whatever race or religion they may be, it has been said that the supreme mysteries of life will remain a closed book.

Yet there comes a time in the life of every man when these supreme problems of life, human existence, evolution and purpose must be considered, mastered and understood. Today, Beloved Companion, we face the outer fringe of that mystery which Saint Paul wrote was our last great enemy -

### THE MYSTERY OF DEATH

The apparently darker side of life holds no terrors for the initiated Mayan and thus the philosophical approach we are taking should open to you a world of beauty and wonder..

The idea or belief in the rebirth or the progressive evolution of the Soul through succeeding metempsychoses or reincarnations is very ancient. In fact, almost every religion has held it as its Main Tenet. Today in the East, it remains a common belief and teeming millions of Asiatics accept it philosophically. But to the new mechanistic civilization of the Western World it has become again a mystic secret.

Early Christianity received this doctrine from Jesus and the great Neo-Platonic school. The unsettled social, political and religious conditions of the 4th Century brought to Christianity some of the wise philosophers of that school and so their teachings influenced the growth of the new religion. It was simply the story of old wine in new bottles, for the great truths of religion are the same in all ages. We have shown that the principle of Universal justice or Karma was taught (though not really accepted by western religion) in the words of Jesus: AS YE SOW, SO SHALL YE REAP. Why is it then that the companion doctrine of Karma - REBIRTH - is no longer taught generally by the Christian faith?

Reincarnation was taught by the great Church Fathers up until the 5th Century when it was eliminated by one of the great religious councils of that time. (The Second Council of Constantinople, A.D. 553). We might ask why it was that a philosophical truth which great modern philosophers like Ralph Waldo Emerson, Count Herman Keyserling and others accept, and which was believed by countless millions in ancient and modern worlds, was stricken from the teachings of the Church - especially since it was a doctrine also believed by the Near Eastern people of the Nazarene's time. In fact, the New Testament contains various speculations or gossip of the people concerning who the man-god, Jesus, was in previous lives.

Jesus inquired of his disciples:

"Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" And they said: "Some say thou art John the Baptist; some Elias; and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets..."

RELIGION IN EARLY TIMES BEGAN AS A BROTHERHOOD OR SOCIETY WITHOUT HARD OR FAST CREEDS. WITH THE CREATION OF A HIERARCHY OR ORGANIZATION SEPARATING THE TEACHERS OF RELIGION INTO ONE CLASS AND THE LAYMEN INTO ANOTHER IT BECAME CONVENIENT TO ELIMINATE SOME UNWELCOME TRUTHS.

As an example of the teachings of the early Church Fathers, let us consider the words of the Wise Origen, a man skilled in the secret wisdom of the Platonists. Commenting upon John 1:6, he says, "And if the Catholic opinion hold good concerning the soul as not propagated with the body but existing previously and for various reasons clothed in flesh and blood, this expression 'sent from God' will no longer seem extraordinary as applied to John." However, it is not our task to explain WHY the church abandoned this fundamental truth but rather to make clear its meaning. Why? Because as Emerson writes:

"MAN IS EXPLICABLE BY NOTHING LESS THAN ALL HIS HISTORY."

Before entering into the arcanum of this ancient but ever-new truth, let us show how universal was the belief in reincarnation or the successive rebirths of the Soul by considering the words of one who became military and political master of the ancient world, Julius Caesar. In his GALLIC WAR, Book VI, Ch. 14, we read his remarks about the Druids. Later, we shall see connecting links between the mysterious Druids, dwelling on one side of the Atlantic, and the Mayans, living on the other side. Julius Caesar said:

"The Druids have been accustomed to absent themselves from war, nor do they pay taxes as others do. They have immunity from military service and from all burdens. Allured by such great advantages, many submit themselves of their own free will to this training or are sent by their parents and guardians. There they are said to learn a great number of verses and therefore remain twenty years in training. Moreover, they do not think it right to entrust these things (the teachings of the Druid Mystery Schools) to writing, for in almost all matters, public or private, they make use of Greek Characters.

"They seem to me to have done this for two reasons; because they do not wish their teachings to spread abroad among the vulgar, nor do they wish those who are studying to depend on manuscripts and give too little attention to memory. Because it often happens that many persons relying upon written information relax their diligence in learning and their memory...Especially, they (the Druids) teach that souls do not die but transmigrate from one body to another after death and they think that this induces greatly to bravery since, thereby, the fear of death is removed. Moreover, they argue upon and teach to the young men (disciples) many things concerning the stars and their motions, concerning the size of the world and of countries, concerning the nature of things and concerning the strength and power of the immortal God."

When the ideas or doctrines of Karma and Rebirth are fully understood they tend to have a remarkable psychological effect over the student. They endow him or her with a new purpose and a greater understanding of life. The old, medieval conception of the laws of life, such as foreordination, predestination, election and damnation which may have conveyed some truth to people of the time, can hold no interest to the initiated Mayan or the mind which reasons in the terms of modern science, philosophy and experience. With the acceptance of ancient but ever-new truths, the student comes to mental and spiritual manhood; that is, he no longer

seeks to evade the consequences of his thoughts and acts but rather learns to co-operate with the eternal and beneficent laws of the universe, ultimately placing himself in the stream of GOOD FORTUNE, HEALTH and PROGRESS.

Evolution by or through progressive rebirths holds no terrors for him as it presents more than one chance and gives him opportunity to build anew. In these twin occult doctrines the modern world returns to a recognition of the ancient truths of eternal justice and immortal being which the old Church doctrines and creeds sought to convey. In other words, they tend to set men free from the bondage of mental slavery to false ideas which have in every age held back the progress of the race and have pitted people against people in unbrotherly struggle.



"YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH  
AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE."

Before entering into a dissertation upon this remarkable subject it would be wise for us to define our terms. We have learned the true meaning of Karma and its place in the great scheme of universal evolution. Now let us clarify our position on the subject of Rebirth, or Reincarnation. The idea of Rebirth is unwelcome to many people because past ignorance and superstitions arising from popular misconceptions and even learned intolerance have tended to give the wrong explanation of this truth. It has been confused with TRANSMIGRATION or rather the erroneous theory that the Soul transmigrates through lower animal forms. In various parts of the world we find this misconception.

In India, among people who hold reincarnation as a fact of Nature, we find such misconceptions. Many individuals there believe that the dead pass on into animal form and so the monkey and the cow are held sacred. Perhaps the origin of this conception arose first through the efforts of the wise and holy men of Vedic India to preserve these animals from wanton destruction. Their only way was to educate the people in the sacredness of life in all its forms.

DURING THE COURSE OF AGES, THE ORIGINAL TEACHINGS WERE TWISTED AND DISTORTED AS USUAL TO MEAN SOMETHING ELSE. LET US UNDERSTAND THAT NATURE DOES NOT WORK BACKWARD.

Evolution may indeed proceed in a spiral upward through the mineral, vegetable, animal, then human forms, but it never turns back. HU-MAN ONCE, ALWAYS A HU-MAN.

Another point we should consider is that it is the Soul, Spirit and Mind, that In-Visible ethereal essence of our Being, and not the physical form that reincarnates. In other words, CHARACTER ALONE IS DESTINY while the personal man is but the creature of this brief day. This question will be studied later on. One of the great truths that dawns upon the earnest Mayan in the course of this study is:

WE ARE LIVING NOW IN ETERNITY - THAT ETERNITY IS OURS.

The whole of the Universe is before you. Its Powers, Infinite Love, Happiness, Wealth and Truth are YOURS if you care to follow the right Path.

However, a warning is necessary at this point. Unwise speculation upon previous existences should be avoided. We are made so that we are fully conscious only of our present physical life. There is a vague "something" within us that stirs and responds to the feeling of having lived the earth life before. But the object of these present Revelations is to prepare you for a more abundant life NOW, to bring to you the Mayan wealth of occult lore - the Wisdom of the Ages.

There is an obvious reason for our inability to remember our previous lives fully, for the memory of unlimited numbers of deeds would confuse us and hamper our chances for progress in this life. It is the essences of our previous thoughts and actions, woven into the very fabric of our Characters, that determine our general trend of Life.

Only too often do we find psychopaths, such as some of the dictators who have dominated Europe, who believe that theirs is an appointed task and that they are the reincarnations of great individuals of previous historical periods. The number of people who fondly imagine that they are Cleopatra, Napoleon, Julius Caesar or Alexander the Great, reborn, could be numbered in the thousands. To the occult student such speculations are as idle as daydreams and tend to obstruct rather than aid the mental and spiritual progress of the individual.

What is meant then by the term "Reincarnation" or "Rebirth" and what is its purpose? Rebirth means the successive or repeated dwellings of the Soul in the human body. It is the turning of The Wheel of Life - the Spinning of the Symbol of Being as it travels around its orbit. Never confuse it with the incarnation of the Soul into lesser or animal forms.

First we must ask the question: What is the Soul? Most people believe in the Soul but when asked to explain what they mean by the term they are unable to do so. Mayanry accepts no higher authority - and there is no higher authority - than the voice of the Divine in man himself; hence, it is not enough to believe in immortality because someone has told us of it or because we have read it in a book, or have it on someone's authority.

FROM OTHERS WE OBTAIN INFORMATION BUT NOT REAL KNOWLEDGE.

To KNOW, we must become personally acquainted through interior experience. Setting aside belief, therefore, what reasons have we to assume that there exists, within, a power or "Soul" that persists or survives the death of this outer, physical form?

We know that the body is endowed with FIVE physical senses through which are received impressions from the outer or "real" world: the senses of touch, taste, smell, hearing, and sight. Through such avenues of perception the embodied man contacts the physical world. Yet great philosophers and thinkers like Plato have stressed that physical senses cannot be relied upon in the gaining of knowledge; that often the senses deceive us. (For instance, several persons at the scene of an accident or an important event may give varying stories of the sight - and they usually do.)

Why is it that we believe a thing is beautiful? Because it appeals to the eye?

Indeed, No! Rather, it is because there exists SOMETHING WITHIN that appreciates beauty and translates the impressions or vibrations conveyed by light and the ultra-sensitive sense of sight deep within through the subtle process of nerve and brain to that Mighty Master of the physical body, the MIND, the SPIRIT, the SOUL of true man.

Why is it that we KNOW a thing is just or unjust, when the senses cannot so inform us? Why do we appreciate the subtle emotions of love and affection, hate and antipathy? The senses have no virtue in themselves; the hand cannot FEEL, the nose SMELL, the ear HEAR, the mouth TASTE or the eye SEE. They are merely the means to an end created by Nature through the will of the evolving man to explore and "know" this outer physical universe.

Let us consider a simple example:

My hand contacts a flame and is burned. I receive the sensation of pain through the sense of feeling. Hereafter, I avoid fire, not because the sense of feeling has been affected, but because I CAN REASON AND UNDERSTAND. Obviously, I exercise a higher faculty than merely the sense of perception. There exists, in other words, through the brain (which is only an instrument) to my Mind, a power that enables me to think, to reason, to love, to judge, to make decisions and to exercise will-power.

The great Emerson writes:

"We grant that human life is mean, but how did we find out it was mean?"

Then what is it that makes YOU respond to lofty sentiment, whether it be expressed in the beautiful language of the poet, the words of a great orator, or a picture created by an artist? An insect or an animal may look upon a painting and see nothing but blobs and lines, while an educated or civilized man perceives the picture. Understand then, that the senses register only perception, the vibrations of our sensing to our brain which transmits it to our Mind. And Mind responds only to the vibrations of its plane, while the Soul alone is superior to these forces and uses them only in the purpose of its evolution.



We know today that there exists higher forces than those of sense; subtler avenues of perception than those of the physical body, such as intuition or inner knowledge, telepathy, psychometry and other interior powers. How can we explain the fact that during a hypnotic trance, when the body or brain is in a state of paralysis, there exists a greater activity of Mind and a wider range of consciousness than that limited to sense perception? How can we explain it if there does not exist WITHIN an intellect nearer in its powers to that of The Father? As the senses notify the Brain and the physical Brain notified the Mind and the Mind reaches through the Intellect to the recording Soul, might not the Soul be the direct connecting link to our Maker? Indeed, as all the great occult philosophers have taught, the body offers many limitations to our consciousness.

Thus, Beloved Companion, it is not that man has a Soul but rather that the true man is a Soul!

The body represents but the seasonal physical expression of man, like the rose bush on which roses bloom and wither, then bloom again; it is important only in that it serves its purpose. An analogy can be found in regard to the automobile and the traveler. The automobile is a "vehicle" designed for a purpose and takes its "driver" along the Grand Highway that leads from the point of birth to death. The incarnation of the Soul is for the purpose of gaining individuality through the vicissitudes of earth-Life; it is for the development and refining of Character that we may grow more God-like if we choose, until we again find complete Unity in Him, thus completing our Cycle of Being, Work and Action. Thus we attain our final Karma in the Paradise of perfect and actual Union with God. This is NIRVANA.

For the Soul, while omnipotent on its own true plane of existence, is not so upon this earth plane and in order to realize its spiritual destiny, it must return again and again for refinement through the cycle of necessity or Rebirth. Thus, may we become the Perfection we now blindly yearn toward. Thus, may we reach the Light, after long groping in the dusk, after many rebirths in the dust of earth.

Let us consider the secret wisdom of the Ninetieth Psalm, wherein, in exquisite and poetic language, the ancient conception of Rebirth is given:

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. (Generations or Rebirths.)

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

THOU TURNEST MAN TO DESTRUCTION (Dust or Death) - AND SAYEST, RETURN YE CHILDREN OF MEN.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep; in the MORNING they are like grass which groweth. In the MORNING it flourisheth and groweth up; in the EVENING it is cut down and withereth."

Remember that writers of Biblical works and recorders of ancient thought used a lot of metaphors, symbols and parables in their writing. First you must understand the meaning of those symbols and metaphors. Only then will you be able to grasp the real significance of ancient writing.

Studies of ancient literature of all peoples prove one point fairly consistently. There was general agreement with the truth and beauty of eternal life. Ancient peoples too felt that by SELF-DEvised, SELF-DIRECTED efforts, their Souls would re-unite with the Lord.



They regarded Rebirth as a refining evolution through successive lives on earth.



We cannot prove Reincarnation as we can a problem in mathematics. Its truth CAN BE UNDERSTOOD ONLY THROUGH INNER CONVICTION ARISING FROM DEEP MEDITATION, STUDY, REFLECTION AND REASON.

Everywhere, EVIDENCE of Reincarnation appeals to our reason. Too often, the thoughtless person does not recognize the evidence, but it surrounds him nonetheless.

Consider a beautiful valley in the mountains that travelers come from far and wide to see. More often than not, that same beautiful valley is taken for granted and almost unnoticed by the people living there all year around.

Deep thought, constant observation and study in the course of our daily living will point up scores of instances which are EVIDENCE of Reincarnation.

Perhaps the best evidence of all is the universality of cyclic law in Nature. Natural phenomena repeat in a regular pattern:

- . There is the cycle of the seasons of the year
- . Day follows night - night the day
- . The Moon goes through the Zodiac each month
- . Life returns to trees and plants after the Winter

Unnumbered instances stand analogous to the supreme cycle of the human Soul through the process of birth, maturity, death and the period of rest between embodied lives.

It is this cycle of the human Soul which is responsible for differences among people. The genius, the artist, the musician, the writer - all of them possess their unusual powers because of CAREFUL CULTIVATION IN LIVES LONG PAST.

That explains why Josef Hoffman composed symphonies when he was only eight years old. That is why Shirley Temple was a famous Hollywood star before her fourth birthday.

Every child born into this world is endowed with, and then further develops throughout his life, a character distinctly his own. Every parent is aware of a vast difference in the characters and capacities of the children in his family.

The secret of this difference lies in the fact that CHARACTER is the essence, the sum-total, of all the experiences, thoughts and actions of the individual through many lives.

NO ACTION IS EVER LOST BUT IS INSCRIBED FOREVER  
UPON THE IMPERISHABLE RECORD OF THE HUMAN SOUL.

Our studies should convince us that perfect law reigns throughout the universe. This law is neither personal nor impersonal. It is the Supreme Intelligence that compels the Soul of man to pass through the cycle of necessity, to turn the Wheel of Life.

AND THIS LAW IS KARMA, THE GREAT GUIDING HAND OF THE SUPREME ARCHITECT, WITHOUT WHICH THERE COULD BE NAUGHT BUT UNIVERSAL ANARCHY.



Beloved Companion, in this Revelation we introduce you to the grandest conception of religion, philosophy and science. This explanation of Life has been accepted by the minds of men through the countless ages. No other explanation of human destiny has survived so long.

The world's greatest thinkers hold this ancient conception of human life and purpose - Reincarnation. Its thoughtful study will bring to YOU the sense of in-born eternity and a firm faith in Karmic Justice. Study well and meditate long over the teaching expounded herein. And prepare yourself for further Revelation.

Later, we will trace the continuity of character and its Karma through the rest-period of the Ego and again into full manifestation in the next mortal life.

MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS POUR OUT UNTO THEE,

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